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Shelby County Public Works to Recycle Holiday Greenery

Shelby County Government will again operate a recycling center at the Agricenter for discarded holiday decorations.

Christmas trees and other greenery, free of lights and decorations can be dropped off near Showplace Arena at 105 South Germantown Road, anytime through January 10th.

"This is the 16th year for the program. We want people to bring their trees and other decorations to the recycling center. After the holidays, we find many of these items dumped along the roadsides," said Tom Needham, Director of Shelby County Public Works.

"We want citizens to take advantage of this free service. We're proud to partner with the Shelby County Public Works Division to provide a place for the recycling center," said John Charles Wilson, President of Agricenter International.

The recycling initiative is part of Shelby County's *Sustainable Shelby* plan, which focuses on ways to conserve energy and protect natural resources.

Mulch made from the greenery will be available to citizens next spring and fall during *Earth Day* or *America Recycles* events.

The initiative is funded by a litter removal grant from the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation.

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